

From: Andrew Cannarsa on behalf of "Council of Inspectors General"
<CIGIE@LIST.NIH.GOV>
Sent: Thu, 30 Jan 2025 21:13:59 +0000
To: CIGIE@LIST.NIH.GOV
Subject: CIGIE Membership Update

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Colleagues,

We wanted to provide the IG community with some specific information about the scope of OIGs that were impacted by the IG termination notices received last weekend.

As you may know, there are currently 37 Federal OIGs that require a Presidentially Appointed, Senate Confirmed (PAS) IG. Of the 37 PAS IG positions, 11 of those positions were vacant as of January 24, 2025, meaning 26 PAS IG positions were filled.

Of the 26 PAS IGs in place last week, 15 received termination notices from the White House. Three other OIGs that had interim leadership were also impacted.

In all, the termination notices impacted 18 OIGs, including: **Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Department of Defense, Department of Education, Department of Energy, Department of Health & Human Services, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of the Interior, Department of Labor, Department of State, Department of Transportation, Department of the Treasury, Department of Veterans Affairs, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Personnel Management, Small Business Administration, Social Security Administration, and Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.**

As a result, 11 of the 37 PAS OIGs are currently led by a permanent IG. For a full accounting of the current IG vacancies, please visit [Oversight.gov](https://www.oversight.gov).

Additionally, we are going to schedule an off-cycle CIGIE Member Meeting on **Wednesday, February 5, at 11 a.m.** at the CIGIE office (there will be a virtual option). This meeting will be for IGs/Principals Performing the Duties of the IG **only**. The purpose of the meeting is to bring OIG leadership together during this transition period and discuss recent activities.

Thank you,

Andrew M. Cannarsa
Executive Director
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency
1750 H Street NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20006

Direct Dial: (b)(6)
(b)(6)@cigie.gov

From: Jeffrey, Deborah
Sent: Thu, 13 Feb 2025 17:13:50 +0000
To: Wagner, Lori; Gardner, Juliet
Cc: Reilly, Katherine
Subject: FOIA

From: Council of Inspectors General <CIGIE@LIST.NIH.GOV> **On Behalf Of** Andrew Cannarsa
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 9:01 AM
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Subject: CIGIE Membership Update

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Colleagues,

We're writing to share that on Tuesday, February 11, Paul Martin, Inspector General for the U.S. Agency for International Development, received a termination notice from the White House. Marc Meyer, Assistant IG for Investigations, will provide interim leadership at USAID OIG.

CIGIE will work with the USAID OIG leadership team during this transition.

Thank you,

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Washington, DC 20006

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From: Lerner, Allison C.
Sent: Tue, 28 Jan 2025 00:13:33 +0000
To: Jeffrey, Deborah
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From: "Lerner, Allison C." (b)(6)@nsf.gov>
Date: January 27, 2025 at 5:20:00 PM EST
To: "Chason, Ken" (b)(6)@nsf.gov>, "DelPrete, Catherine" (b)(6)@nsf.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] - Google Alert - inspectors general

The first article has an interesting discussion about the constitutionality of the notification requirement and the limitations on who can serve as an acting IG in a PAS OIG.

From: Google Alerts <googlealerts-noreply@google.com>
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NEWS

[Trump Fired 17 Inspectors General—Was It Legal? | Lawfare](#)

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Probably so, but Congress has lawfully constrained the president's authority to replace the fired IGs. President Donald Trump signs executive ...

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[Trump administration cites 'changing priorities' in emails that fired inspectors general](#)

ABC News - The Walt Disney Company

The two-sentence long note to HHS **Inspector General** Christi Grimm cited “changing priorities” under Trump's new administration, according to a ...

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[The IIA Issues Statement on the Termination of Inspectors General - PR Newswire](#)

PR Newswire

PRNewswire/ -- The IIA releases the following statement regarding the termination of federal **Inspectors General**: "The president's recent ...

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[VA, DOD oversight questioned after Trump inspector general firings - Military Times](#)

Military Times

The top watchdogs for the Defense Department and Department of Veterans Affairs were among the individuals dismissed by Trump.

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[President Trump fired more than a dozen inspectors general. Here's why that matters - NPR](#)

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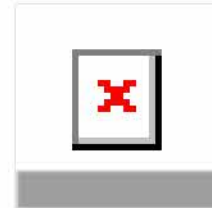
President Trump fired more than a dozen **inspectors general** at federal agencies. NPR's Leila Fadel talks to Glenn Fine, who was an inspector ...

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[Ex-inspector general on Trump firings: 'We're looking at what amounts to a threat to democracy'](#)

The Hill

Hannibal "Mike" Ware, the former **inspector general** (IG) for the Small Business Administration, said he and others are looking into whether actions ...



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[Trump fires agency watchdogs, sparks partisan rancor - E&E News by POLITICO](#)

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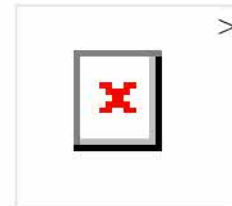
Republicans are rallying around the president. Democrats have mobilized to oppose the firings. At least one **inspector general** plans to show up to ...

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[Inspector general dismissed by Trump calls mass firings a threat to democracy - Fox News](#)

Fox News

A former **inspector general** claimed on MSNBC that President Donald Trump's mass firing of 17 federal watchdogs on Friday constitutes a "threat to ...



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[Trump fires at least 15 inspectors general, Hegseth and Noem confirmed for Cabinet](#)

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President Trump fired more than a dozen **inspectors general** late Friday night, including some he appointed during his first term.



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[Adam Schiff Names One Reason Trump May Have Fired Several **Inspectors**](#)
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The Democratic senator said the president "broke the law."

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Sent: Fri, 31 Jan 2025 18:36:21 +0000
To: Edwards, Tawana W.; Reilly, Katherine
Cc: Jeffrey, Deborah
Subject: RE: OIG - Order Of Succession and Designation To Act – 1-31-25

Great. Thank you! I will have it put on the (b)(7)(E) site.

From: Edwards, Tawana W. (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 1:09 PM
To: Wagner, Lori (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Reilly, Katherine (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Cc: Jeffrey, Deborah (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Subject: OIG - Order Of Succession and Designation To Act – 1-31-25

Hi Lori,

Attached is the IG signed PDF of OIG - Order of Succession and Designation to Act – 1-31-25

Thank you.

V/R

Tawana Edwards
Office of Inspector General | Office of Operations and Management
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F St. NE | DC 20549 | (b)(6)

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Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 11:49 AM
To: Jeffrey, Deborah (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Edwards, Tawana W. (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Cc: Reilly, Katherine (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Subject: RE: Firing of PAS IGs

Hi Tawana,

Attached is the final document with the changes accepted and the date/citation changed for Deb's signature. Thank you!!

Lori

From: Jeffrey, Deborah (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 10:52 AM
To: Wagner, Lori (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Edwards, Tawana W. (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>

Cc: Reilly, Katherine (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Subject: RE: Firing of PAS IGs

Good catch!

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Subject: RE: Firing of PAS IGs

Yes! (b)(5)
(b)(5) Thanks.

From: Jeffrey, Deborah (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 10:50 AM
To: Wagner, Lori (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Edwards, Tawana W. (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Cc: Reilly, Katherine (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Subject: RE: Firing of PAS IGs

Lori, would you please accept the changes for today's date and send to Tawana for my signature? Let's get this out today.
Thanks,
Deb

From: Wagner, Lori (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 9:53 AM
To: Jeffrey, Deborah (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Cc: Reilly, Katherine (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Subject: FW: Firing of PAS IGs

As requested.

From: Wagner, Lori
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 11:09 AM
To: Jeffrey, Deborah (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Reilly, Katherine (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Subject: FW: Firing of PAS IGs

Deb,

Attached is a quick update to the current succession plan, based on our conversation. Please

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Lori

From: Jeffrey, Deborah (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>

Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 10:37 PM

To: Reilly, Katherine (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Wagner, Lori (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Sharek, Rebecca (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Albert, Helen (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>

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ORDER OF SUCCESSION AND DESIGNATION TO ACT

Authority: Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, 5 U.S.C. §§ 401-424; Presidential Policy Directive 40, National Continuity Policy, July 15, 2016; Federal Continuity Directive 1, Federal Executive Branch National Continuity Program and Requirements, January 2017; and SECR 29-1.

Purpose: To provide an order of succession for executive continuity of the Securities and Exchange Commission Office of Inspector General (SEC OIG) during periods of national emergency. To provide an order of succession in the event the Inspector General is temporarily or permanently unable to perform the functions and duties of the position by reason of absence, illness, death, resignation, termination, or other causes. This order supersedes the previous SEC OIG Order of Succession and Designation to Act dated March 26, 2020.

1. Continuity of Operations

During periods of national emergency declared by the President, or in situations in which the SEC OIG's Continuity of Operations Plan has been activated, the principals occupying the following positions will, in the order stated, assume operational management of the SEC OIG in the absence¹ of the Inspector General:

Counsel to the Inspector General
Deputy Inspector General for Audit, Evaluations and Special Projects
Deputy Inspector General for Investigations
Deputy Inspector General for Operations and Management

This succession will be followed by the Deputy Counsel to the Inspector General, followed in order of seniority in the position, by the Audit Managers, followed in order of seniority in the position, by Special Agents in Charge for Investigations, followed by the Supervisory Program Analyst in the Office of Operations and Management.

2. Vacancies

Notwithstanding section 1, in cases where there is a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, including cases in which the incumbent dies, resigns, or is otherwise unavailable to perform the functions and duties of the position in the foreseeable future, the principals occupying the following positions shall perform the functions and duties of the Inspector General temporarily in an acting capacity in the order stated:

Counsel to the Inspector General
Deputy Inspector General for Audit, Evaluations and Special Projects
Deputy Inspector General for Investigations
Deputy Inspector General for Operations and Management

¹ For the purpose of this section, absence is defined as the temporary absence, illness, or other inability to perform the functions and duties of the position.

This succession will be followed by the Deputy Counsel to the Inspector General, followed in order of seniority in the position, by the Audit Managers, followed, again in order of seniority in the position, by the Special Agents in Charge for Investigations, followed by the Supervisory Program Analyst in the Office of Operations and Management.

3. Absences

If the Inspector General is absent, sick or otherwise temporarily unavailable to perform his or her duties, operational management of the SEC OIG will devolve upon the persons and in the order described in section 2, unless otherwise designated by the IG.

4. Delegation of Authority and Duration

The individual assuming operational management of the SEC OIG under sections 1-3 is delegated all authorities and responsibilities of the IG until one of the following, as applicable: termination of the period of national emergency declared by the President or termination of the SEC OIG's Continuity of Operations Plan under section 1; the permanent IG is able to perform the functions and duties of the office; replacement by an official appointed as IG pursuant to Section 8G(c) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended; or the individual is otherwise relieved of the duty of serving as the acting IG.

5. Sub-delegation

The authority delegated in section 4 may not be sub-delegated.

6. Vacancies and Acting Officials

For purposes of this delegation order, the principal occupying the position is the person holding a permanent appointment to the position. Persons filling the positions in an acting capacity due to a short-term absence (e.g., principal is on annual leave) or a long-term vacancy (e.g., principal has separated or is on extended leave) do not substitute for principals. If a position is vacant or a principal occupying the position is absent or unavailable, authority passes to the next principal in the order of succession.

7. Notification of Appropriate Personnel

Situations requiring activation of this policy will be communicated electronically to all OIG SK-17s. The SK-17s are responsible for notifying OIG employees under their supervision, if appropriate.



Deborah J. Jeffrey
Inspector General

From: Albert, Helen
Sent: Sat, 25 Jan 2025 03:47:18 +0000
To: Sharek, Rebecca; Jeffrey, Deborah; Reilly, Katherine; Wagner, Lori
Subject: Re: Firing of PAS IGs



From: Sharek, Rebecca (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 10:39:49 PM
To: Jeffrey, Deborah (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Reilly, Katherine (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Wagner, Lori (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Albert, Helen (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Subject: Re: Firing of PAS IGs

Thanks, Deb.

From: Jeffrey, Deborah (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 10:36:59 PM
To: Reilly, Katherine (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Wagner, Lori (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Sharek, Rebecca (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Albert, Helen (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
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From: Wagner, Lori
Sent: Sat, 25 Jan 2025 04:08:19 +0000
To: Reilly, Katherine; Jeffrey, Deborah; Sharek, Rebecca; Albert, Helen
Subject: Re: Firing of PAS IGs

Thanks for the update. Fingers crossed.

From: Reilly, Katherine (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 10:46:41 PM
To: Jeffrey, Deborah (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Wagner, Lori (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Sharek, Rebecca (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Albert, Helen (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
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Fingers crossed we won't be affected.

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From: Jeffrey, Deborah
Sent: Sat, 25 Jan 2025 15:10:54 +0000
To: Reilly, Katherine; Sharek, Rebecca; Albert, Helen; Wagner, Lori
Subject: RE: Firing of PAS IGs

Thanks for the thought, Katherine. There's not much I can say at this point beyond what they have read in the paper. I'm going to hold off until Monday office hours, when I can take questions. (b)(5)

(b)(5) And I don't know any more than you do about what the future holds.

From: Reilly, Katherine (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2025 9:00 AM
To: Jeffrey, Deborah (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Sharek, Rebecca (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Albert, Helen (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Wagner, Lori (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Subject: Re: Firing of PAS IGs

Staff are waking up to the news that a lot of IGs have been fired. I don't know whether you want to put something out, but I've already gotten some questions.

From: Jeffrey, Deborah (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 11:12:43 PM
To: Sharek, Rebecca (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Albert, Helen (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Reilly, Katherine (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>; Wagner, Lori (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
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Thx.

From: Sharek, Rebecca (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
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Washington Post article is now out. I can't get beyond the pay wall, though.

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Subject: Re: Firing of PAS IGs

Thanks. I can be philosophical for myself, and I know you would all do fine, but it would not be my preferred method of departure.

From: Albert, Helen (b)(6)@SEC.GOV>
Sent: Friday, January 24, 2025 10:47:18 PM
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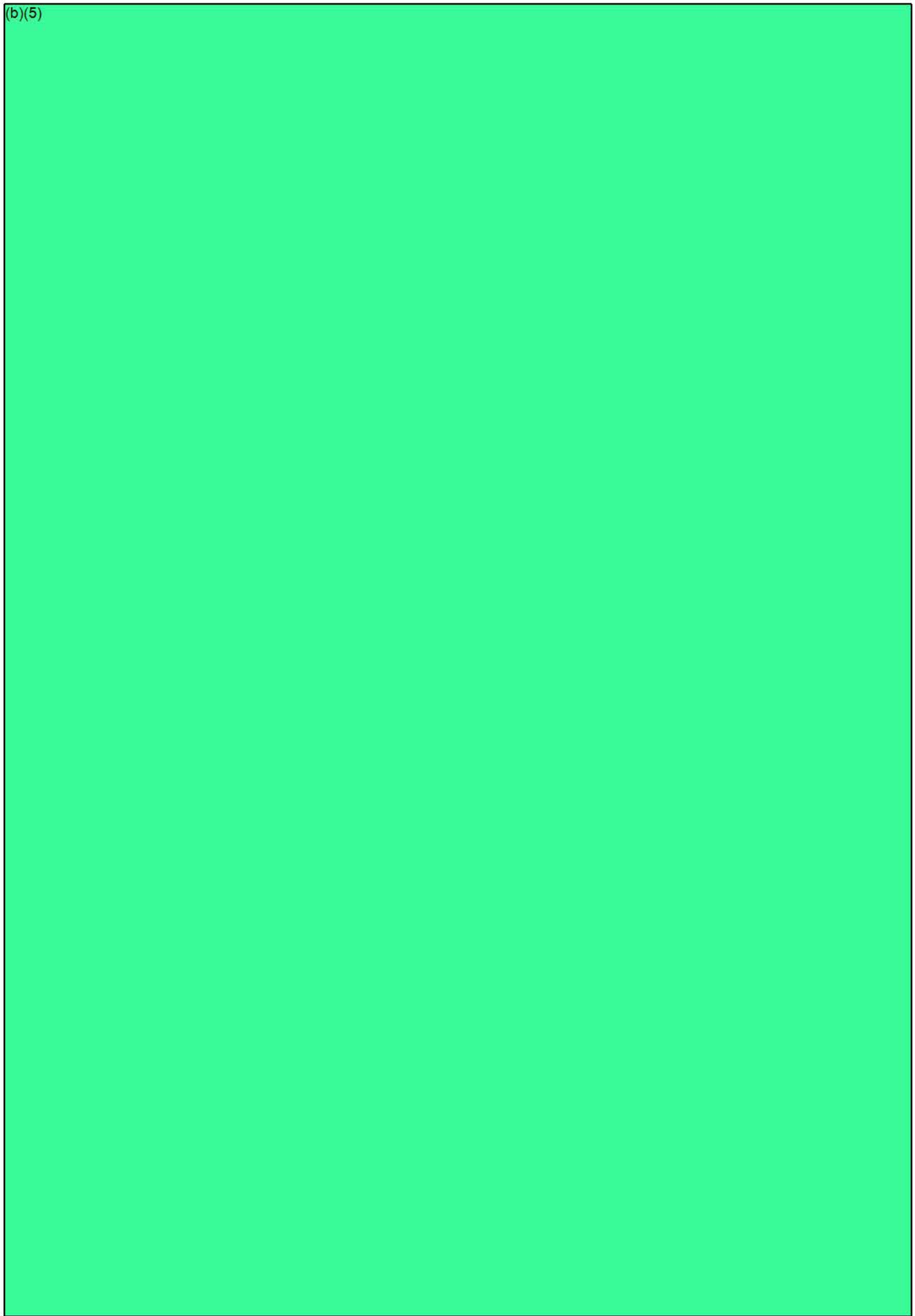
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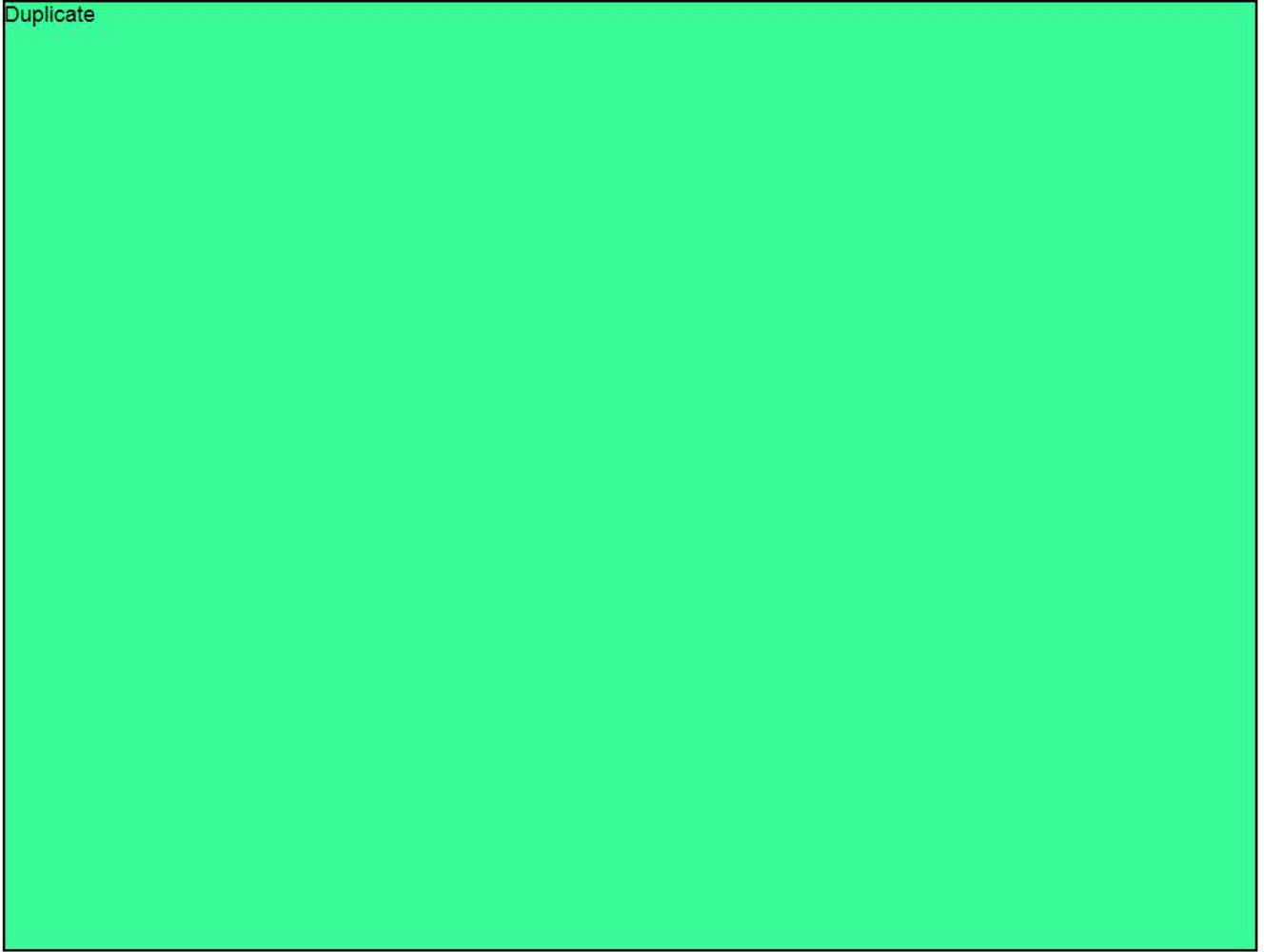
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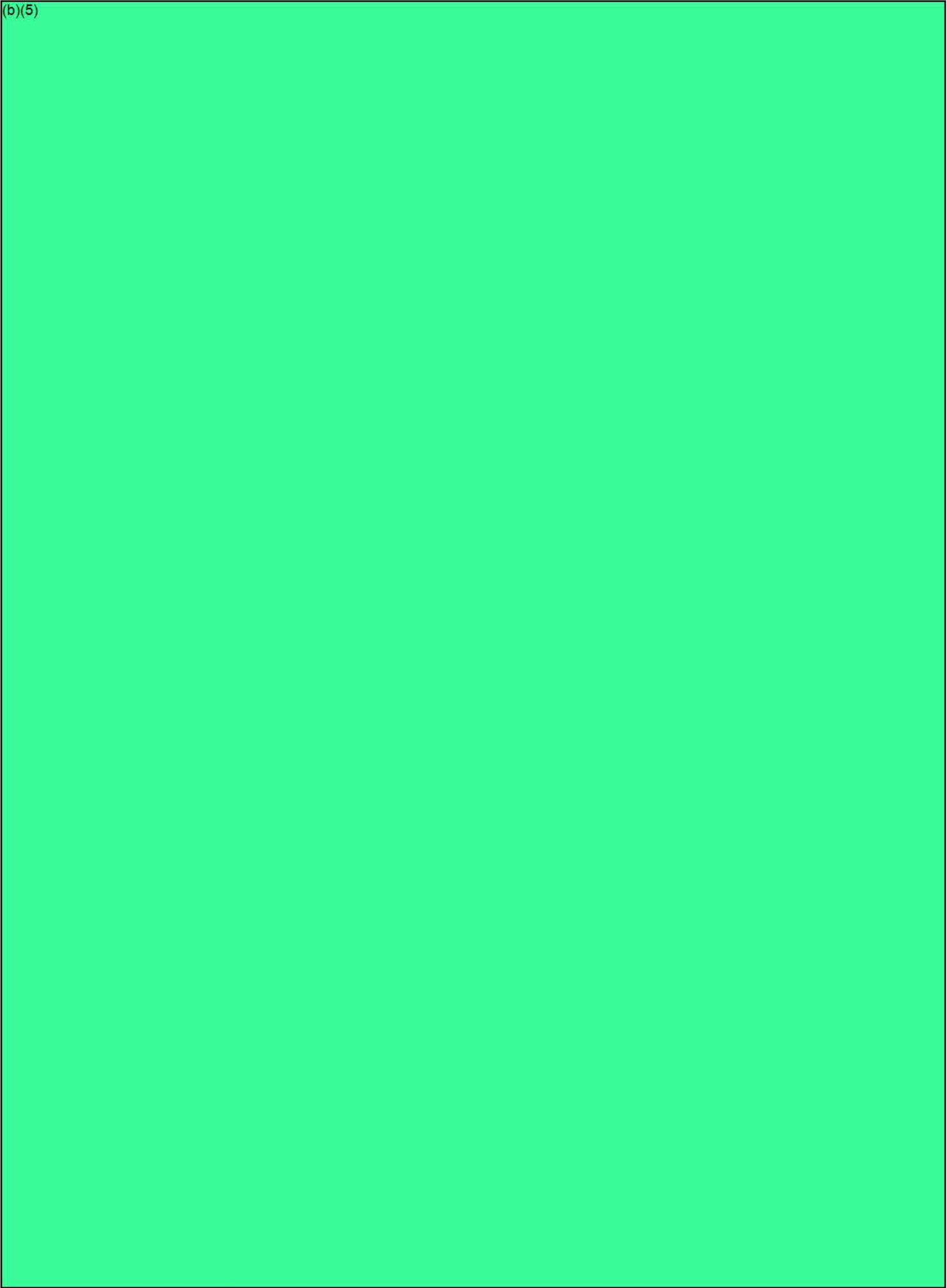
From: Wagner, Lori
Sent: Fri, 31 Jan 2025 14:53:16 +0000
To: Jeffrey, Deborah
Cc: Reilly, Katherine
Subject: FW: Firing of PAS IGs
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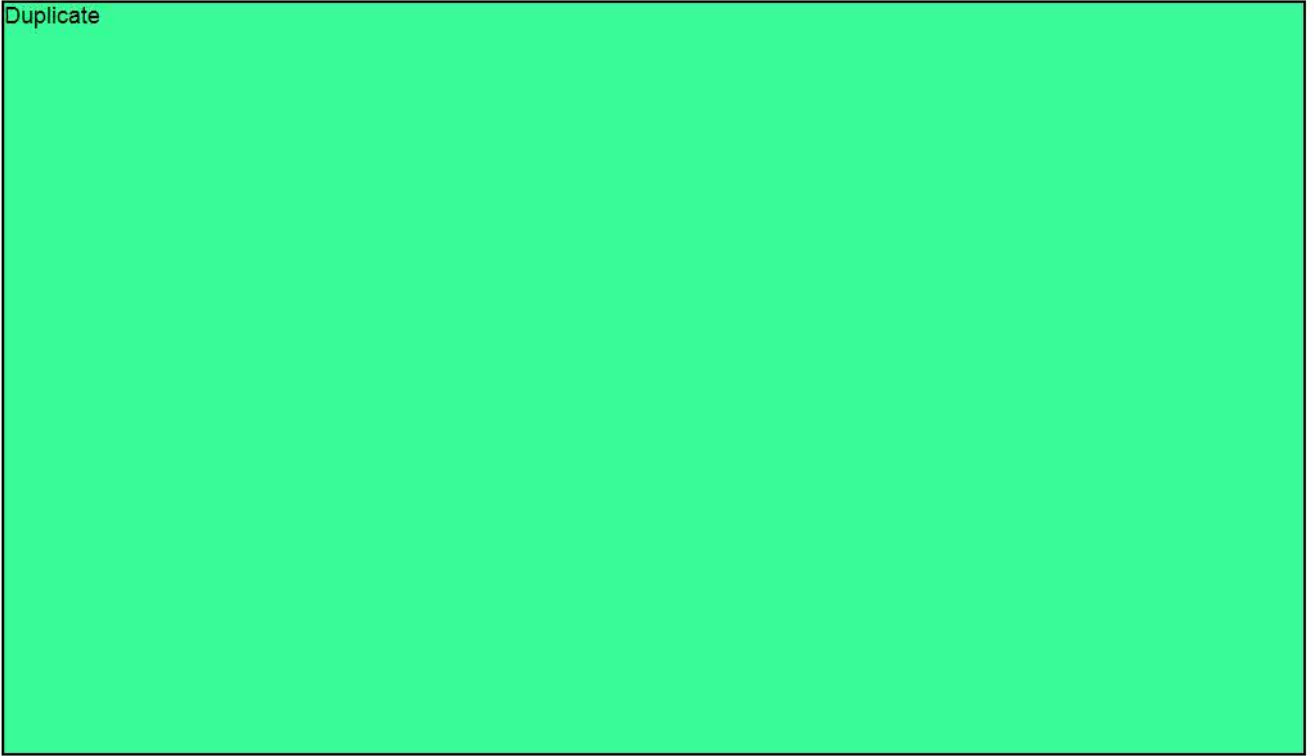
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